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Lt. Gen. Thomas L. Harrold, USA  
Commandant  
The National War College  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Harrold:

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 March inviting me to deliver the graduation address at the National War College on 9 June.

Much as I would like to join you, I am planning to give a talk at Harvard University on that date and, therefore, will be unable to accept your kind invitation. As you know, I have very much enjoyed my visits to the College and I am sorry that I am unable to be with you on this particular occasion.

With kindest personal regards,

Respectfully,

John F. Kennedy

Allen D. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

This is to remind you wish to give some thought to possibly accepting the attached invitation to give the graduation address at the National War College at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 9 June.

As you know, you have accepted to talk before the Annual National Business Conference at Harvard at a dinner that evening.

General Harrold points out in his invitation that as a general rule the entire graduation exercises last only an hour, and you would only be expected to deliver about a 20-minute address.

            
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Your speech on 9 June at the Harvard Business School is definitely scheduled for dinner, around 7:30. Should CBS radio carry your address, the time and length will be quite rigid.

You could accept General Harrold's invitation to speak at the National War College at 10:30 A.M., and still keep the Harvard date, too.

Reunion Weekend at Princeton is Friday and Saturday, 9 - 10 June. Friday night looks a bit difficult in view of your schedule.

            
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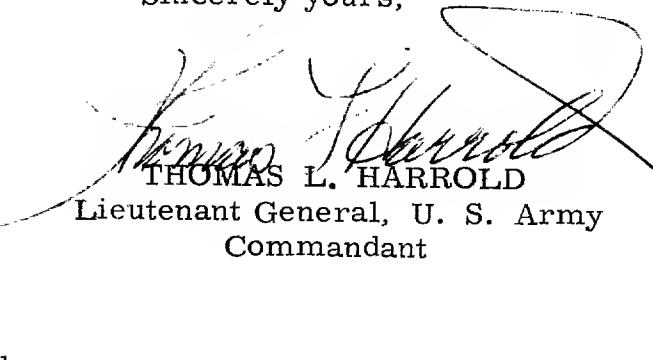
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Graduation of this year's class will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of The National War College. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to give us the honor of welcoming you back to the college to address the fifteenth graduating class.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
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Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
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